

**Statements on behalf of Australia Yearly Meeting
SC6.20.6**

Standing Committee was asked to note the following letters, which were signed by the Presiding Clerk, as well as other public statements and submissions, which have been issued since YM19.

Wider publicity for our public statements includes media statements and Facebook:

No.	Date	Supported by	Sent to	Concerning
1	10/10/19	Earthcare Comm	Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition, all State & Territories Premiers & Opposition Leaders, Future Fund	Climate Emergency
2	10/10/19	QPLC VRM	NCCA (National Council of Churches in Australia)	Asking NCCA (National Council of Churches in Australia) to make a public statement and to make representation to the Australian Government about the issue of violence in West Papua.
3	3/12/19		Bread for the World	Support of Further Arts-Pasifika's application for funding
4	5/12/19	QPLC	Prime Minister, R. Di Natale & Leader of Opposition	RE: the reducing level of funding to DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs) in recent years
5	22/1/20	Earthcare Comm.	FWCC (Friends World Committee for Consultation), UK Friends, QUNO (Quaker United Nations Office), Friends Journal, The Friend	Australian Quakers respond to messages of concern following the recent bushfires
	30/1/20	QPLC	Attorney General's Office Australian Government	Response to the Amended Religious Discrimination Bill 2019
6	5/2/20	QPLC	Prime Minister; Leader of Opposition	Urging support for the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in relation to the Rohingya people of Myanmar
7	12/5/20	Earthcare Comm.	Thea Ormerod, ARCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change)	Letter of Support for 15 May Climate Strike
8	12/5/20		SchoolStrike4Climate	Letter of Support for 15 May Climate Strike
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9	15/1/20		A/NZ YM Clerk	Thanks for letter of concern re: impact of bushfires
10	5/5/20		SA Attorney General	Quakers joining National Redress Scheme (NRS)
11	9/6/20	FNPCC	Chief Minister; Police Minister, NT	Policing Practices Concerns, re: children transported in cages
12	18/6/20		South Australia Department of Social Services	Confirmation of Quakers joining the National Redress Scheme (NRS)

The Society, over the signature of the Presiding Clerk, has added its name to:

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13	11/12/19	NCCA (National Council of Churches Australia); CRSI (Community Refugee Sponsorship Initiative); SSI (Settlement Services International)		Online pledge to support refugee sponsorship: http://www.ausrefugeesponsorship.com.au/how-you-can-help/civil-society-pledge/
14	16/1/20	ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change)	Prime Minister	Letter signed by faith leaders re: Long-term cause of the bushfire catastrophe
15	25/3/20	AFCA (Australian Forests and Climate Alliance) afca.forests@gmail.com		National Sign on to End Native Forest Logging.
16	8/4/20	ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons)		Open Letter in Support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
17	28/4/20	IPAN (Independent and Peaceful Australia Network)		Support for IPAN Statement: Healthcare not warfare https://ipan.org.au/healthcare_not_warfare/
18	11/5/20	https://www.firstnations-covid19-letter.org/		Open Letter re: funding of COVID-19 responses to protect Aboriginal communities
19	3/6/20	AFCA (Australian Forests and Climate Alliance) afca.forests@gmail.com	AFCA (Australian Forests and Climate Alliance)	Support for AFCA submission to ARENA's Roadmap for the Expansion of Bioenergy 2020 (ARENA=Australian Renewable Energy Agency) https://arena.gov.au/knowledge-innovation/bioenergy-roadmap/

Social Media posts:

	July 2019-June 2020	To
	94 posts	QA Group (Quakers Australia closed Facebook group)

	52 posts	Quakers Australia Facebook page (our outreach page) https://www.facebook.com/quakersaustralia.info/
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Media releases on behalf of Australia Yearly Meeting by the AYM Secretary

24	1/11/19	FWCC Secretary to serve as leader of World Ecumenical Conference
25	26/11/19	Quakers concern over US Government support for Israeli settlements